Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method of, via a graphical user interface (GUI), annotating picture information for pictures in a picture database, said method comprising the steps of:

generating a user-friendly display with picture indicia <u>representing</u> <u>captured pictures</u>;

in response to on-screen user input that identifies a plurality of <u>the</u> <u>captured</u> pictures as belonging to a group;

providing a single <u>presentation of an</u> information entry area for receiving information <u>once</u> about the group of pictures;

accepting <u>customized</u> metadata <u>being</u> input on-screen <u>at one time</u> by said user to the information entry area, said metadata characterizing said group of pictures; and

automatically associating the accepted <u>customized</u> metadata with <u>each of</u> the pictures of the group.

2. (Original) The method in Claim 1, wherein said metadata comprises social information.

3. (Original) The method in Claim 2, wherein said social information comprises at least one event that said group of pictures records.

4. (Original) The method in Claim 2, wherein said social information comprises temporal aspects of said group of pictures with respect to capture.

5. (Original) The method in Claim 2, wherein said social information comprises capture location aspects of said group of pictures.

6. (Original) The method in Claim 2, wherein said social information comprises people who are recorded in said group of pictures.

7. (Original) The method in Claim 2, wherein said social information comprises objects that are recorded in said group of pictures.

8. (Original) The method in Claim 2, wherein said social information comprises user-provided comments.

9. (Currently amended) A graphical user interface (GUI) adapted to annotate picture information for pictures in a picture database, said GUI comprising:

a display generator adapted to generate a user-friendly display with picture indicia representing captured pictures;

a picture grouper adapted to define a group of pictures in response to on-screen user input identifying a plurality of pictures as belonging to the group;

a single information presentation of an entry area for receiving information once about the group of pictures;

a metadata receiver adapted to accept customized metadata being input on-screen at one time by said user to the single information entry area, said metadata characterizing said group of pictures, pictures; and

a metadata association system adapted to automatically associate the accepted customized metadata with each of the pictures of the group.

10. (Currently amended) The GUI in Claim 1 Claim 9, wherein said metadata comprises social information.

11. (Currently amended) The GUI in Claim 2 Claim 10, wherein said social information comprises at least one event that said group of pictures records.

12. (Currently amended) The GUI in Claim 2 Claim 10, wherein said social information comprises temporal aspects of said group of pictures with respect to capture.

13. (Currently amended) The GUI in ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 10, wherein said social information comprises capture location aspects of said group of pictures.

14. (Currently amended) The GUI in ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 10, wherein said social information comprises people who are recorded in said group of pictures.

15. (Currently amended) The GUI in ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 10, wherein said social information comprises objects that are recorded in said group of pictures.

16. (Currently amended) The GUI in ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 10, wherein said social information comprises user-provided comments.